ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

NETWORK COPY PROTECTION FOR DATABASE PROGRAMS

Improved techniques for implementing Network Copy Protection for
database programs are disclosed. The techniques can provide Network Copy
Protection across various platforms and/or connection protocols. Accordingly,
the database programs can detect unlicensed use of the software even when
different platforms and/or connection protocols are used by two instances
(software copies) of the same database program. When unlicensed use of
software is detected, access to data can be denied. As will be appreciated, in
addition to supporting more conventional communication protocols, more
prevalent connection protocols can be supported.